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The following is a summary of Soviet and KVP military activities observed prior to 5 July 1954:

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## A. Soviet Troop Movements and Exercises:

1. First Guards Mechanized Army: On 22 June, the rocket launcher regiment was still at its Meissen post. Between 23 and 27 June, units of the 4th Guards Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division left Wustrow in two shipments, and were replaced by other units from the same division. Eighth Guards Mechanized Division units at Grimma and Leipzig were at their posts on 22 June. An engineer battalion, stationed in a summer camp three kilometers south of Grimma, practiced bridge construction on the Mulde River. Late in June, units of the 9th Tank Division rotated from their posts to the Zeithain training area, while the bulk of the 11th Guards Tank Division was stationed at Koenigsbrueck.
2. Second Guards Mechanized Army: On 27 June, units of the 31st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division returned in two shipments from Wustrow to Schoenwalde. On 26 and 27 June, three shipments carried elements of the 2nd Light Artillery Brigade from Doeberitz to Jueterbog for advanced combat firing practices, with the first troops returning on 28 June. Advanced combat firing practices by tank and artillery units of the 1st Mechanized Division at Doeberitz and of the 12th Guards Tank Division in the Neu-Glienicke section of the Schweinrich troop training grounds continued to the end of June. Units of the 9th and 12th Guards Tank Divisions, presumably artillery, went in four shipments from Neustrelitz, Fuerstenberg and Neuruppin to Forst Zinna on 29 June. Elements of the heavy tank and SP regiment of the 9th Guards Tank Division, including 11 heavy tanks, were transferred on 27 June, in one shipment, from Neubrandenburg to Altruppin for advanced combat firing exercises. The following movements by units of the 9th Guards Tank Division took place in Neustrelitz on 29 and 30 June: the artillery regiment previously stationed

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to the restricted area on Gerhard-Hauptmann Strasse was transferred to the Kuerassier Kaserne; a unit at the Kuerassier Kaserne, presumably the 234th Mortar Regiment, and the 126th Guards Rocket Launcher Battalion at the Am Schloss installation, went to Gerhard-Hauptmann Strasse; and an anti-aircraft artillery regiment previously stationed in Am Schloss, and an unidentified unit with anti-tank guns and armored personnel carriers from the Infanterie Kaserne, left toward Camp Domjuech, southeast of Neustrelitz.

3. Third Guards Mechanized Army: The 35th Engineer Regiment was observed at the Schumke Lake barracks in Sperenberg until 27 June. The 6th Guards Tank Division was confirmed at the Werder-Markendorf camp east of Jueterbog till mid-June. One shipment with artillery elements of the 7th Guards Tank Division, including 16 light anti-tank guns, 3 rocket launchers and 20 trucks, was entrained at Haldensleben on 23 June.
4. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army: On 21 June, two shipments with elements of the 63rd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division went from Wustrow to Fuerstenwalde. On 23 June, two shipments went from Eberswalde to Wustrow. Two shipments carried light units from Fuerstenwalde to Jueterbog on 26 June. Between 25 and 28 June, elements of the 25th Tank Division, presumably a tank instruction and a transport battalion, were transferred from the Sachsenhausen concentration camp at Oranienburg to Prenzlau. The bulk of the division was confirmed at Templin until 21 June. Elements of an artillery regiment of the 10th Guards Tank Division returned on 27 June in one shipment from advanced combat firing practices in the Jueterbog area. On 1 July, two shipments with self-propelled guns, tanks, armored scout cars and 37-mm anti-aircraft guns were entrained at the Eberswalde railroad station. A shipment including five T-34 tanks and six motorcycles with sidecars was observed on 2 July at the Bad Freienwalde railroad station. Also on 2 July, one shipment with eight T-34 tanks and one armored personnel carrier went from Bernau to Berlin-Kaulsdorf.
5. Third Shock Army: On 17 June, one shipment with a unit of the 4th Guards Artillery Brigade went from Schwerin to Ruegen for advanced combat firing practice. The 18th Mechanized Division was confirmed at the Schweinrich troop training grounds until 26 June, with tank and artillery firing practices continuing. On 19 June, three shipments carried elements of the 18th Mechanized Division from Perleberg to Dranse, from where they returned between 22 and 25 June.<sup>1</sup> A troop shipment went from Dranse to Stendal on 21 June; another shipment from Stendal to Pritzwald on 30 June; and two shipments from Altengrabow to Sagard on Ruegen Island on 29 and 30 June.<sup>2</sup> On 27 June, troops with more than 300 motor vehicles crossed the Elbe River near Barby from west to east on ferries; the troops left in the direction of Zerbst.<sup>3</sup>
6. Eighth Guards Army: The artillery brigades and corps were still at their posts in late June. Elements of the brigades from Altenburg and Gera continually rotated to Forst Zeitz, where the elements from Gera concentrated on night exercises. The headquarters of the 28th Guards Rifle Corps was absent from Rudolstadt, and was presumed to be at the Ohrdruf troop training grounds. The three engineer battalions appear to have completed the first phase of their training, lasting from 3 to 20 June, in the Dessau-Aken area; the engineer battalions of the 20th Guards Mechanized Division and of the 39th Guards Rifle Division have left the training area. On 23 June, the units were found complete at the Saalfeld post. Elements of the 39th Guards Rifle Division, normally stationed at Plauen, were observed on 11 and 25 June at battalion to regiment-level exercises near the post. The bulk of the anti-aircraft artillery regiment of the 29th Guards Rifle Corps was identified at Wustrow after 8 May. On 27 June, the 57th Guards Rifle Division was located at Kindel, except for the 172nd Guards Rifle Regiment at Gotha and battalion-strength security details in Naumburg and Weissenfels.
7. IV Artillery Corps: Two shipments with elements of the 32nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division went from Kuestrin to Wustrow on 10 June; another shipment followed on 23 June. On 21 June, elements of the Division returned in two shipments from Wustrow to Frankfurt/Oder. Elements of the 4th Anti-Tank Artillery Brigade from Ruegen, after having arrived in the Wustrow area in two shipments, engaged in firing practices between 21 and 25 June. One unit of the 25th Guards Rocket Launcher Brigade moved in one shipment from Rathenow to Altengrabow on 29 June.

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8. Miscellaneous: On 15 June, a shipment of 24 flatcars went from the Frankfurt/Oder border station to Bernburg. The cars were loaded with ten-meter-long, three-meter-wide objects which were covered with tarpaulins. At 7 p.m. on 16 June, one shipment consisting of six boxcars and 46 flatcars, all covered with tarpaulins, was detained at the Schumke Lake installation in Sperenberg. The unit, including about 400 soldiers, 16 [ ] jeeps and amphibious vehicles, was quartered in farms on the north edge of Hege Lake.<sup>4</sup> In early and mid-June, about twelve shipments with medium guns were observed en route toward west on the Brest-Litovsk-Frankfurt/Oder railroad line. On 21 June, one shipment from Brest-Litovsk carried 95 guns. Of the total, 37 were unloaded at Frankfurt/Oder; the others were shipped on. A shipment of 50 to 60 field howitzers was observed at the Jueterbog loading ramp on 25 June.<sup>5</sup> 25X1

## B. KVP Developments:

1. On 23 June, the mortar units of the mechanized regiments in the Ahlbeck area summer camps returned to Karpin. On the same day, the artillery and anti-tank units of the mechanized regiments in Karpin were moved to the summer camp in the Ahlbeck-Jaegerbrueck area. Elements of the Mechanized Division Potsdam probably were stationed at the troop training grounds in the Kliestz-Ferchels-Mahlitz area in mid-June. From 16 to 20 June, the engineer regiment from Kliestz held exercises at the Elbe River west of Kliestz. Engineer exercises were observed in the Eggesin area from 22 to 25 June. The engineer regiment of the Prenzlau Division which departed from Fuenfeichen on 12 June was moved to the Oder River, presumably near Hohensaaten. In mid-June, the Weisswasser troop training grounds were still occupied by tank units of the Corps South and elements of the Grossenhain Tank Officers' School.

2. The medium tank regiment and the mechanized regiment at Oranienburg received about 200 recruits in mid-June.

[ ] Comments:

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1. Presumably advanced combat firing practices for rear details.
2. Troops involved in these shipments could not be identified.
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4. It is believed that the unidentified equipment has arrived from the USSR, and was intended for the Bernburg engineer regiment, part of which has been bivouacking since April near Hege Lake for special exercises. 25X1
5. The arrival of guns, presumably for reequipment of units, is continuing.

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